

## SAAD CHRONOLOGY by BWS

→ June 11, '79 Inspected Rutherford Co. property w/  
 JHR + Ruth Yates (SWM), Joe Herrud + John Saad.  
 ↳ told them additional work needed to be done  
 Also visited Bob Hunter's operation (LaVergne)  
 who Herrud thought may be illegally dumping  
 at Saad's Ruth Co. prop. + elsewhere (Mr Hunter not in)  
 Also visited Trousdale site + observed  
 bucket operation - not complete yet

June 16, 1979 Visited Bob Hunter's operation w/ Ruth  
 Yates + found Hunter running tests. Everything checked  
 out OK - we told him to clean up his act +  
 area before he got dragged in w/ SAAD

→ June 19 '79 inspected Ruth Co + Trousdale sites w/  
 JHR - Ruth Co. site OK - Trousdale not yet  
 complete - sampled Ruth Co wells  
SAAD Hearing in court this day also

June 26 - 79 sampled Smyrna Tank (w/ FMP)  
 Randy Curtis (of Metro Air) also present.  
 Samples taken to WAC lab but not run  
 (Spoke w/ Dr Dawson w/ AWARE on phone + Susan McCann)

July 5, 1979 phone conver. w/ John Saad - he wants  
 additional samples from Smyrna tank run by Dr. Shubert  
 of M+ Juliet - Doesn't believe AWARE's results  
 + claims only oil + water ever put into tank. Also claims liquid  
 outside tank put there by Metro Air for weed control

July 9, 1979 Don Mosley, Ch 4 news called for info. He interviewed Mrs Lynch on 6:00 news. I spoke w/ Mrs Lynch who said Eliz Herrod had filed suite w/ the Smiths. \* she also more info. re medical effects of the chemicals on her sons for further legal action

July 11, 1979 Well survey around Ruth Co. site Sampled Herrod, Smith, across st. from Smith, Crabtree, Washington Maynard well + spring, + Petway. Interview w/ Murf'boro newspaper

July 12, 1979 - Called Dr. McManahan, EPA Toxicologist, Atlanta re: Mrs. Lynch's children - he said it'd be hard to prove the cause of the children's illness at this date. Also said if spring was contaminated highly (?) ought to find other source of wtr for cattle

→ July 24, 1979 - Sampled wells on Wade Herrod Rd + Went by Trousdale site to inspect operation. Sunken tanks still full, spill wells part complete. Long talk w/ John P. Saad re: case said lots of \$ behind him; Tenn Oil tapped his phone etc; many threats after Ch. 4 stories; thinks Hunter is crooked, thinks Tenn. may have dumped on Ruth Co. prop.

July 25, 1979 Spoke w/ Larry Brown - Men killed, not involved w/ STAD. (Also spoke w/ Mr. Curtis) Saw STAD truck on site, and driver said he was about to unload - will testify. Brown also said that he read a paper that Bank is foreclosing on property in Ruth Co. Spoke w/ Ruth Yates same wife + she said she didn't inspect pond area on Trousdale w/ backhoe as STAD said. Inspection of Trousdale site revealed some oil substance in small section of old pond location (Saad said just water!!) Dikes partially complete, soil still stacked piled,

underground tanks still full.

July 31, 1979 Called Smith, Harding, Cabtree, Washington, + Raymond re: results of well analysis.

Aug 1, 1979 - RLS + BWS visit STAD Trousdale site in morning for inspection of work - Joe Herrod + John Saad present #1 tank underground (closest to Bldg) still  $\frac{1}{2}$  full w/ sludge - will have to be pumped w/ septic tanker - #2 + #3 tanks empty + no holes. One overflow hole in tank #1 needs to be repaired. W/in 2 weeks, need to ~~complete~~ finish dikes, pump other tank, add hole in tank #4 + clean out oil from #2 + #3. W/in 2 months finish concrete pad around tanks + at off load area for can use wtr tight asphalt. Not able to inspect sink hole area - no back hoe - so we will be present when soil removal takes place. Some contaminated soil + liquid still remaining in sink hole area. Also, Joe Herrod re: Hawkins  $\rightarrow$  took no barrels there + knew nothing of the hundreds we found there, but on July 30, 1979, wrote receipt to Hawkins for pumpage of  $\approx$  500 gal (from 10-12 bbl he had in solvents. Will write letter today to Saad w/ new deadlines. Peterbilt still on strike. Joe Herrod is to locate new source for blending + keep us informed. Also spoke w/ Lee Breckenridge + brought her up to date - send cc of letter

Aug 20 1979 - Ruth Yates + I (Bus) visited the  
 Translake site + found the first two underground  
 tanks of the oil/wtr system empty. The 3<sup>rd</sup> tank  
 still contained oil + was not inspected. There were  
 no signs of holes having been cut in either of the  
 1<sup>st</sup> two tanks. I instructed John Saad to completely  
 clean all 3 tanks + leave them empty until  
 he was told in writing that he could operate  
 the system. A backhoe was available + test digs  
 in the old pond site revealed sludge under the  
 surface that had been covered. John Saad insisted  
 that he knew that existed + had always planned to  
 dig it up when soil hauling began (!?) Pictures of  
 tank #1 + the test digs were taken. RY + I also  
 visited the residence of Ellis Saad to check out a  
 report via Portland (TO+RC.) + SWM's ~~3~~ Dwight  
 Hinch that dumping was taking place there. We observed  
 two dump trucks leaving the property, full of clay-type  
 dirt + a huge mound of the same dirt at the  
 back of the property where digging was apparently  
 going on. We drove on by + talked w/ no one there.  
 I then called Lee Breckenridge + informed her of all info.

Aug 22, 1979 - I (BWS) met w Lee Breckenridge, Bill Barrick, + Bill Hubbard at Atty Gen Office. Decided to try + clarify restrictions preventing sand from going into operation (i.e. permit + dikes) Also, confirmed that the Dept. okayed giving Sand half the Synona Airport sample to take (unescorted) to Dr. Pearson @ Vandy - supposedly he now finds no contam. W&C must now run check sample - probably on other half, + on new sample.

RCS + I spoke w Bob Carnahan re: nitro permit. BC said it is a temp. permit given to anyone requesting, but is contingent upon application submitted for final permit which Sand never did. B.C. will visit Sand tomorrow + probably revoke the permit leaving Sand w out permit to discharge. We also called Ray Wilkerson, EPA to ask for assistance on requiring proper dikes. He will return call next Monday. Sand settled EPA violation actions several months ago by paying fine + agreeing to obey injunction pending w W&C in Nash - or that the SPC Plan would be accepted.

Aug 23, 1979 Ruth Yates + I visited the Trousdale site + confirmed that soil removal was complete. RY to write letter to document w Atty. Gen. approval. Joe Herrod rather "unfriendly" and apparently had been drinking. Ruth. Co. Site not yet complete.

Aug 28, 1979 I called Joe Herrod to inform him I would be in Synona (for well survey) that day if he wanted final inspection of Ruth. Co. Site. He said work was not yet complete + he would contact me when it was.

Sept 12, 1979 Ken Pointer + I (BWS) again sampled the Smyrna airport tank + delivered samples to Dr. Pearson's Lab at Vanderbilt + to the state lab at Cordell Hull.

The tank was still leaking + seeping into the ground, as the level within the dike had not risen. Samples for this were taken from a valve at the bottom of the tank.

Sept 24, 1979 Glen Pugh + I (BWS) sampled ten (new) wells in the Smyrna Dump area (mostly along Rebel Rd.)

October 11, 1979 Judy Wood + I (BWS) sampled new wells in the Smyrna Dump area.

October 12, 1979 George Smelser + I resampled wells that showed <sup>high</sup> ~~high~~ <sub>pos.</sub> from the 9/24/79 run.

October 16, 1979 I spoke to John Sood this morning. He said he's been having trouble w/ his dirt hauler + had to hire a new man. The work should be complete by tomorrow.

October 18, 1979 - see back

October 22, 1979 while on a well sampling run, Judy Wood + I (BWS) visited the Rutherford Co. site + determined that clean-up is complete.

We also visited the Smyrna airport tank and saw the contaminated water still surrounding the tank.

① → Oct 23, 1979 I spoke to Joe Herrod + he stated that he should have the Peterbilt blending + hauling completed in 2 weeks (the strike was over ~ 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. No further work on concrete inside of dikes (200) →

Oct. 18, 1979 - After the Ch 4 News cast announcing additional well contamination, John Saad called me (ZWS) @ home. He said Joe Herrod had been watching the news & saw the story & wanted to know the story. He said that he "estimated from what he saw on the ground" that 5-7 thousand gallons were dumped & this "couldn't possibly be getting in the wells since it was such a small amt. & dumped so long ago. I told him that I thought this was coming from his dump. He reassured me that he had not dumped it & could just about pinpoint the date when it was done. He said to let him know if there was anything he could do to help.

Oct 23 1979 Judy Wood & I visited Rutherford Co Dump site and determined that clean-up was complete - a memo to that effect was sent to Ruth Yates

Oct 25 1979 Meeting in am w/ FHIT + WQC etc

Meeting in pm @ Smyrna City Hall w/ Residents

Oct 30, 1979 MTSU, Dr. Burton Bordine & students examined dump area & confirmed it a likely source of well pollution

Nov 1, 1979 Meet w/ HUD + Consul U.D. in M' Boro re:  
utility District wtr to Silver Springs

Nov 5, 1979 JEH, TKC, RLS, BWS - meeting w/ Mike Ward  
in Portland

→ Nov 6, 1979 JEH, BWS, Ry, Atty + Sand meet @ Blackburn Office

Nov 9, 1979 RLS + BWS dye drop in Ruth. Co. Dump

Dec 5, 1979 JEH + BWS met w/ Carnahan + Ezell re sand Metro  
permit. Metro wants temporary permit w/ batch discharge  
+ chemical analysis before discharge

→ Feb 22 1980 JEH + BWS ~~visit~~ <sup>Transdate</sup> to see if Jan 30<sup>th</sup> deadline  
to remove barrels met - found barrels still there, <sup>w/ handles</sup> evidence  
of discharge to back ditch, hoses, oil over wall. Heard + brother  
w/ us

Then went to A.G.'s (B. Barick) - then returned 1:50 to take  
pictures - oil from separator to ditch on gravel covered same  
John there on return visit ~~Transdate~~

→ March 13, 1980 BWS + GWS ~~visit~~ <sup>(in rain)</sup> took more pictures, new  
gravel - barrels still same - took 2 samples - hoses still there

March 28, 1980 Hearing @ 1:00 - continued till next wed. 4/2/80

March 31, 1980 - GWS + BWS sampled pool in ditch behind Kline's